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SUBJECT: MULTIPLE ENTRY-EXIT VISAS FOR BUSINESSMEN
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1. DEPARTMENT SEES VIRTUE IN MAINTAINING THE PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY IN REGARD TO MULTIPLE VISA ENTRY-EXIT ISSUE: PROPOSAL PARA. 5 REFTEL WOULD LEAD TO HEAVY IMBALANCE IN SOVIET FAVOR. DEPARTMENT, THEREFORE, WOULD PREFER EMBASSY APPROACH MFA AND MFT WITH OFFER ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: US PREPARED TO GRANT MULTIPLE ENTRY-EXIT VISAS TO PRESENT THREE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF AMTORG, THE DEPUTY-CHAIRMAN OF THE KAMA PURCHASING COMMISSION, AND THE DEPUTY-REPRESENTATIVE OF INTOURIST, IF SOVIETS PREPARED TO GRANT SIMILAR PRIVILEGES TO ALL US REPRESENTATIVES OF CURRENTLY ACCREDITED US COMPANIES IN MOSCOW NOT NOW HAVING THEM. (ACCORDING TO OUR CALCULATIONS, THIS WOULD MEAN AN ADDITIONAL 5 SOVIETS HERE IN RETURN FOR ROUGHLY COMPARABLE FIGURE FOR COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES IN MOSCOW).

2. DEPARTMENT SHOULD INFORM MFA AND MFT THAT WE WOULD EXPECT THAT REPLACEMENTS FOR SOVIET OR AMERICAN BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES RECEIVING MULTIPLE ENTRY-EXIT VISAS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT WOULD ALSO RECEIVE THEM. IN THE EVENT OF FURTHER EXPANSION OF US COMPANY REPRESENTATION IN MOSCOW (EITHER BY
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NEW COMPANY ACCREDITATIONS OR ADDITIONS TO PRESENT STAFFS),

THE GRANTING OF ADDITIONAL MULTIPLE ENTRY-EXIT VISAS FOR
THESE PERSONS WOULD BE RECIPROCATED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

3. IN ADDITION, US PREPARED TO RECIPROCATATE ANY ADDITIONAL
MULTIPLE ENTRY-EXIT VISAS GRANTED TO US EMPLOYEES OF TRADE
AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL IN MOSCOW BY GRANTING SIMILAR PRIVI-
LEGES TO SOVIET EMPLOYEES OF COUNCIL IN NEW YORK. BROWN

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